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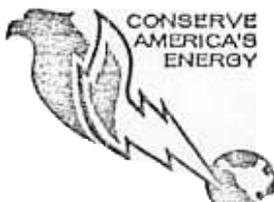
CANAN TO BE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S
MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - FIELD OPERATIONS

Assistant Secretary -- Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard, announced today the detail of James Canan, Billings Area Director, to the Bureau's Management Improvement Program where he will manage the field operations portion of the program.

Gerard said he selected Canan for this assignment because of his many years of experience as an area director and his knowledge of the BIA's field operations at both the area and agency level.

Canan's detail was effective December 3, 1978. His duty station will be Billings, Mont., and an acting area director will be named shortly in Billings, Gerard said.

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